

feet high, with a tall, straight trunk, and wide spreading branches, forming a shapely flat-topped head. The seedlings, springing up naturally near the old trees, indicate that it is likely to hold its own in New England. The hardiness of this tree, its rapid growth, and the fact that it is not injured by insects, suggest that this is a good subject to plant in narrow streets. Seeds will be sent from the Arboretum in the autumn to anyone who may desire to grow this tree." (Bulletin of Popular Information, No. 7, Arnold Arboretum, Harvard University.) For distribution later.

XANTHOSOMA SP. (Araceae.) 31371. Tubers of yautia from Monte Cristi, Dominican Republic. Procured by Mr. Frederic L. Lewton of this Bureau. "The tubers were obtained by Mr. Lewton on the market under the name of yautia. They are oblong in form, one specimen being six inches in length and two and a quarter inches in greatest diameter, with a weight of ten ounces. The sprouts are pink or reddish. The flesh is white and non-acrid; when cooked it becomes slightly purplish and is moderately firm. The flavor is rather inferior." (R. A. Young.) For distribution later.

XANTHOSOMA SP. (Araceae.) Tubers of yautia from Port-au-Prince, Haiti. Procured by Mr. Frederick L. Lewton of this Bureau. "The tubers of this variety were obtained on the market, under the name of 'Malanga', by Mr. Lewton. They are roundish in general form, some specimens being about two and one half by three inches in size and weighing five to six ounces. The sprouts are reddish in color. The flesh is acrid when raw, but this is destroyed by boiling for 35 or 40 minutes. The flesh is very firm when cooked and is of fair flavor." (R. A. Young.) For distribution later.

NOTES FROM FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS.

CUBA. Cienfuegos. Mr. Robert M. Grey, Superintendent of the Harvard Botanical Station, writes July 18, that he has secured for us more of the Animas Malangas, which he will send after they have fully matured. There are two varieties, one the common "malanga", the other very nearly like the Trinidad dasheen.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS. Mr. C. V. Piper writes June 22, that he is sailing July 5 on the Mongolia for Hongkong, Canton, Singapore, and Java. He is sending a considerable number of seeds of forage crops and grasses.